



# ADA WINTER NEWSLETTER

## ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL ANAESTHETISTS

### MEETINGS FOR 2007

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ADA Winter Meeting, Thursday 8th February 2007, AAGBI, London
- ADA Summer Meeting, 15th—16th June 2007, Hilton Hotel, Sheffield.
- Honorary Life Membership and citation, Professor Anthony P Adams.

As the NHS , Medical and Dental Services undergo a period of change and re-organisation, it is reassuring to know that the Specialist Societies continue to plan meetings where members can update their knowledge, meet colleagues, and reinforce the objectives of a satisfying career and good patient care.

To this end, your Council has planned two meetings for 2007 , using the format of a short winter Meeting, and a longer Summer Conference. This activity remains the prime role of the ADA, but there has been concern about the falling attendance at meetings, and the costs to Delegates, both in terms of leave and loss of earnings and travel and hotel costs.

For 2007 we have moved the Winter meeting to a MID-WEEK slot as feedback indicated that too many professional meetings involve weekends. However for the Summer, many people like to take advantage of adding a few days of a weekend to the meeting and bring accompanying persons to the social events, so we have left the Summer meeting as before.

Council will monitor the response of the membership to the new programme and welcomes feedback from members as to how we should run the meetings in future. it may be that Continuing Educational Programmes will be best met in the future by on-line learning resources, but this still leaves

the meetings as the only forum where Presentations can be honed, research and audit fostered, and robust discussion amongst experts in this specialist field openly embraced.

Please address any thoughts you might have to Council via the Hon secretary [diana.terry@ubht.nhs.uk](mailto:diana.terry@ubht.nhs.uk).



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#### DATES FOR 2007 ADA MEETINGS

THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2007  
AAGBI  
PORTLAND PLACE  
LONDON

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> TO  
SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007  
HILTON HOTEL  
SHEFFIELD

# ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL ANAESTHETISTS

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006**

Council was pleased to confer Honorary Life membership on Professor Anthony Adams, in recognition of his lifetime contribution to Anaesthesia. The citation was given by Dr Penny Hewitt, and the full text is on page four and is also available on <http://www.dentalanaesthesia.org.uk>

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

At the AGM the following appointments were made:

**President Elect:** Dr Ken RUIZ. Dr Ruiz will take over the Presidency in the summer of 2007.

**Hon Treasurer:** Dr Bill Hamlin has agreed to stand for a further term. Council would like to thank him for managing the ADA finances so expertly, and is grateful that he is prepared to continue this role for ADA.

**Membership Secretary:** Dr Christine Arnold takes over from Dr Angela Hamilton. Angela has managed a superb transition of the Membership process, which is now managed by e-mail with the able assistance of Busola at the AAGBI Office. We continue to see a steady stream of new members, which is greatly helped by having a smooth application process.

**Honorary Secretary:** Dr Diana Terry.

**New Council Members:** Dr Barry Corkey and Dr Ian Tring

Council is dependent on continuing nominations of enthusiastic Members to develop its role and to organise interesting Meetings for the members.

**Do consider standing for election;** even if you have not done something like this before. Full training is given on the job, and all of us find being part of the Council professionally stimulating.

**Other Council Members are:**

Dr Nigel Robb	-	President (until summer 2007)
Dr Avril Macpherson	-	Proceedings Editor
Dr Ian Fletcher	-	Council Member
Dr Andrea Wraith	-	Council Member
Dr Rachel Pollard	-	Council Member



**Nominations for a Place on Council** should be submitted to the Hon sec, with a Proposer and Seconder and confirmation that the Candidate is willing to stand. Candidates should prepare a short statement in support of their candidature.

Please contact Dr D Terry [diana.terry@ubht.nhs.uk](mailto:diana.terry@ubht.nhs.uk)

Elections will be held at the AGM at the Summer Scientific Meeting in Sheffield.

## ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL ANAESTHETISTS

### The ADA Prize.

No award was made this year, as the work submitted was not deemed to merit a prize for original work. Members are strongly encouraged to motivate colleagues particularly junior staff to investigate how they can develop their research and audit interests. There are two opportunities; either to submit work for the Prize, or to present work as a free Paper at one of the Scientific meetings.



### Winter Meeting 2007



This will be held at the AAGBI seminar rooms at Portland Place London.

PLEASE NOTE THE MID-WEEK DATE:

**THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2007**

The theme of the meeting is Ethics, learning for Case Reports and the changing medico-legal climate in which we all work. In addition to hearing experts there will be ample opportunity to discuss the implications of current legislation on personal Practice and Professional governance.

Speakers include experts in the fields of research and medico-legal expertise.

Bookings can be made via the ADA office at AAGBI and via our website.

### Other Business

In association with other small Specialist Societies, the pattern of meetings and conduct of such bodies is being examined. ADA is looking at developing closer co-operation with related professional bodies, both for running meetings but also in identifying what each group has to offer as its unique selling point.

Members of ADA who are also members of other bodies are invited to inform Council of any ways that we can work with other bodies to promote the aims of the ADA.

The ADA has identified its importance in being involved with the Royal College of Anaesthetists on-line package for core training of Anaesthetists. By taking a lead the RCOA and its specialist Groups can counter the influence of PMETBs control over the training of anaesthetists and surely we have the knowledge and expertise to advise what trainees must achieve in the realm of Dental anaesthesia, anxiety and pain control.

Dr Ken Ruiz is leading this and we hope to have more in the Spring newsletter.

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### CITATION FOR PROFESSOR ADAMS

**Citation for Professor  
Anthony P Adams for  
Honorary Life Membership  
of the Association of Dental  
Anaesthetists**

**Penelope B Hewitt, MB BS,  
LRCP MRCS, FRCA, DA  
Emeritus Consultant  
Anaesthetist, Guy's Hospital,  
London SE1 9RT  
(Former President of the  
A.D.A.)**

It is my pleasure and honour to present to you for honorary Life Membership of the Association of Dental Anaesthetists, Emeritus Professor Anthony Peter Adams MB BS (Lond) 1960, LRCP MRCS (Eng) 1960, FRCA (FFARCS Eng 1964), PhD (Lond) 1970, FANZA (FFARACS by election 1987), DA (Eng) 1962. Tony was born in North London but brought up in Ashted, Surrey and went to school at Epsom College — a place with a reputation for pupils embarking on careers in medicine. After that he took the train daily to Waterloo to study medicine at St. Thomas' Hospital. Even as a student he was keen on anaesthetics and much influenced by Jim Bourne who had some consultant sessions at St Thomas' as well as his main base in Salisbury, Wiltshire.

In due course Tony became a registrar with Bourne at Salisbury — evidently badger watching was a topic of discussion at the appointment interview! Jim Bourne was a great advocate of the supine position for dental anaesthesia. While Tony was working with him the *Salisbury Symposium on Dental Anaesthesia*, sponsored by the Postgraduate Medical Federation, took place there. Dental anaesthetists from all over the country, half and half medical and dental, came to be taught the safe use of the new intravenous technique i.e. methohexitone. Tony was not only involved in the teaching but charged with the task of writing it up afterwards in the form of an unsigned

review for the *British Dental Journal* (1970).

While at Salisbury Tony passed both the primary and final fellowship examinations of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons — a first for Salisbury. His research potential was recognised by Bourne so Tony then went on to work in the Department of Anaesthetics at the Postgraduate Medical School and Hammersmith Hospital where he became the first departmental member to obtain a PhD.

In 1969 Tony was appointed to an 'A and B' Consultant Anaesthetist post at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, with academic sessions in the Nuffield Department. While there, at the suggestion of Jim Mitchell the senior consultant, Tony and another consultant, John Edmonds-Seal, in conjunction with the Director of Dental services in Oxfordshire, set up an out-patient dental practice at Kidlington with facilities to provide safe general anaesthesia for children to hospital standards. This enabled operators from neighbouring practices to have the time to do proper conservation work on children while anaesthetic registrars were taught general anaesthesia for dentistry in a good setting.

In 1979 Tony was headhunted to be the first Professor of Anaesthetics in the newly established University of London Chair at Guy's Hospital Medical School — a post he filled until his retirement in 2001. By this time it had become the 'GKT' Chair through the merger of the Guy's, King's College and St. Thomas's Schools of Medicine and Dentistry. While at Guy's, he provided an invaluable service for children with special needs, including multiple disabilities, in the Out Patient Dental Department as well as co-ordinating the teaching and research. Tony was instrumental in supporting the appointment of Meg Skelly to set up sedation practice and teaching in Guy's Dental Hospital and School. Meg held the position of Senior Lecturer in the Department of Anaesthetics and regularly participated in the weekly academic departmental meetings.

Tony ensured that the anaesthetists provided relevant teaching to the dental students and worked well with the various clinical dental teams and oral surgeons. Meanwhile the dental staff contributed to teaching medical students on Special Study Modules involving, e.g., airway management or use of conscious sedation.

Tony has been a member of the Association of Dental Anaesthetists since 1977. He has presented papers at ADA meetings, e.g. *Issues for Anaesthetists in Day Surgery*, *Assessment of Patients for Day Stay Procedures* and an Obituary for his teacher J. G. Bourne.

Tony has served on various official bodies — while on the Royal College of Anaesthetists' Council he was their representative on the Faculty of Dental Practitioners of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons where he made a lot of friends. In 1988 he contributed to the work of the National Dental Advisory Committee of the Scottish Office Department of Health on *The Availability and Uptake of Services for the Dentally Anxious*. While a member of the Council of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland Tony chaired the Safety Committee and was responsible for their booklets *Recommendations for Standards of Monitoring during Anaesthesia and Recovery* (1988) and *Checklist for Anaesthetic Machines* (1990).

In 1993 Tony was a member of the Royal College of Anaesthetists' Standing Committee on General Anaesthesia in Dentistry. He became the Chairman from 1996 to 1997 and brought together all the interested parties to sort out the problems.

In conclusion, Tony has achieved a series of 'firsts' ranging from early success in anaesthetic examinations and his PhD, his Professorship and in bringing together of all the relevant members to sort out dental anaesthesia — a truly worthy recipient of Honorary Life Membership of the Association of Dental Anaesthetists.

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**CALLING ALL ADA MEMBERS!!!**

**Before you get involved in Christmas festivities why not.....;**

- **Book to come to the Winter and summer 2007 Meetings**
- **Consider standing for Council or nominate a colleague.**
- **Let us know what you want ADA to provide.**

**Get your staff going on a submission for the ADA Prize**

See you in 2007.

Diana Terry  
Hon. Secretary  
November 2007

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